System Regulation and Abolition Act of 1971, but unfortunately there is no inspection system in the Labour Ministry. Sir, it has been seen that more and more contructor workers are being engaged in regular nature of work. Since the programme of reform has been taken up four years back, while the permanent workers are sent off, the retirement vacancies are not being filled up and construction workers are being engaged with very poor service and living conditions infact, semi-slavery is going on. I request that all the State Governments and the Central Government should look into it so that the Contract System Regulation and Abolition Act, 1971 is implemented.

Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, for the last few years the Labour Ministry has been assuring us that they will frame laws for the construction workers, but no law is framed. Yesterday, millions of contractual workers and construction workers demonstrated throughout the country pressing for their demands. Sir, we want that for construction workers also, a Labour Board, as is prevalent for dock workers, is constituted to regulate their services.

RE: PUBLICATION OF A DISTORTED MAP OF INDIA

DR. B.B. DUTTA (Nominated): Sir, I would like to draw your attention and also the attention of the entire House to a very, very serious matter. On 17th of this month, at the India International Centre in Delhi, the John D. and Catherine T. Mac Arthur Foundation released a booklet containing the lecture of the renowned economist, Prof. Amartya Sen. In fact, Prof. Amartya Sen himself delivered the lecture at the India International Centre. I was also there in the audience. In the cover page of the pamphlet there is a map of India where the entire North-East is missing. Jammu and Kashmir is also missing from the map. Now, Sir, I take them very seriously because this is a very subtle propaganda by certain forces to create and nuture an idea that the North-East, the seven sister States, is going out of India. It has been very subtly done by the American Foundation. They cannot say that it is a very ordinary mistake. They are well equipped with all the information and data. They are highly equipped people. This map has been very cleverly designed. I want to know what information is available with the Government of India about this? What is the Intelligence report about this particular matter? I would like to know whether anybody has been arrested for the anti-India activity in the heart of the national capital. I want to know whether the Pamphlet has been withdrawn from circutation? I tell you, Sir, that we have got, through our own independent private sources, definite information about what is happending in the North-East. There are forces within this country and outside the country, which are acting in concert to destabilise the North-East and they have succeeded a lot by now. Therefore, I take this opportunity to warn the Government of India and to arert all the Members of this House that this kind of propaganda should not be taken lightly. It is a very, very serious matter. *(Time bell rings)*... Just two minutes more. I tell you, Sir, that there are forces working globally to see that India is divided into two or three parts. They have been playing this game since the time British was about to vacate India. They had a definite plan for the North-East which could not materialise at that time. But they kept silent for some time trying to achieve it. I remember how, by habit, our leaders and we are all very credulous. We laugh at things. Let me narrate an anecdote. Shri Annada Shanker Roy, a very gifted Bengali writer, who was a member of the Indian Civil Service, had written in one of his pieces that in 1943, before the partition and independence, there were talks among British Officers that India was going to be partitioned. When they reported this to our leaders, our leaders laughed it away. A couple of

years later the partition came. I am telling you, Sir, that this is the same thing which is going to happen in Jammu and Kashmir and in the North-East. We are not taking any positive action. We have no strategy to counter the forces. We have no policy decision to counter these forces and we are letting things go like this. Every-day the situation is deteriorating. Therefore, this publication of the map is just the tip of the iceberg. I want that the Foundation and the people who are responsible for the release of this book in the heart of New Delhi should be booked, arrested and put behind the bars and adequate penal action should be taken. Thank you.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Sir, let me react to this sensitive issue raised by the hon. Member.

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री (उत्तर प्रदेश): इसमें मेरा भी नाम है।

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): I will call you.

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री: अभी पहले मैं बोल लूं फिर वह बोलें।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): ठीक है।

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री: माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, मैं डा० दत्त के द्वारा उठाए गए गंभीर मुद्दे का समर्थन करता हूं और मैं बहुत ही क्षोभ के साथ यह तथ्य इस सदन के सामने उपस्थित करना चाहता हूं कि जो शक्तियां काश्मीर में और उत्तर-पूर्वांचल में आतंकवाद को निरन्तर बढ़ावा दे रही हैं वे ही शक्तियां भारतवर्ष के ऐसे मानचित्र प्रकाशित करती रहती हैं जिनमें काश्मीर तथा उत्तर पूर्वांचल भारतवर्ष का अभिन्न अंग नहीं रहता। मुझे यह कहते हुए बड़ा क्षोभ है कि बार-बार ऐसे प्रसंग हमारे देश के सामने आ रहे हैं। मैं आप लोगों को याद दिलाना चाहता हूं कि एनसाइक्लोपीडिया ब्रिटेनिका का जो संस्करण अमरीका में छपा था उसमें काश्मीर का अंश बाद में लेकर भारत का चित्र छापा गया था और उसका बहुत जबर्दस्त विरोध हुआ था और तब भारत सरकार ने उसके आयात पर प्रतिबंध लगाया था।

महोदय, मैं आप को याद दिलाना चाहता हूं कि सी०एन०एन० के साथ जब हमारे "दूरदर्शन" का समझौता हुआ तो सी०एन०एन० ने पहले दिन जो भारत का मानचित्र प्रसारित किया था, उस में काश्मीर नहीं दिखाया गया था। उस का व्यापक प्रतिवाद हुआ और सी०एन०एन० को माफी मांगनी पड़ी। लेकिन यह विच्छिन्न घटनाएं नहीं हैं। एक के बाद एक लगातार ऐसे मानचित्र यहां, अमेरिका में और यूरोप में प्रकाशित किए जाते हैं, प्रसारित किए जाते हैं जिन में भारत के अभिन्न अंग नहीं दिखाए जाते। इस का सीधा अर्थ यह है कि इन तमाम शक्तियों की पुनः भारत का अंग-भंग करने की घृणित प्रवृत्ति है। इस का व्यापक विरोध होना चाहिए।

महोदय, मुझे इस बात का बहुत ही क्षोभ है कि दिल्ली में जो आयोजन किया जाता है जिस में भारत वर्ष के अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त, चाहे उन्होंने अमेरिका की नागरिकता ली हो, प्रोफेसर अमर्त्य सेन, व्याख्यान देते है और वह इस का प्रतिवाद नहीं करते। मुझे इस बात का अत्यंत क्षोभ है कि भारत सरकार के उच्च अधिकारी उस समारोह में उपस्थित रहते हैं और वे इस का प्रतिवाद नहीं करते ...(**व्यवधान**)... बिल्कुल वहां उपस्थित थे और उनमें से किसी ने प्रतिवाद नहीं किया। मैं आश्चर्यचकित हूं कि अब तक भारत सरकार की तरफ से कोई सख्त कदम क्यों नहीं उठाया गया? मैं भारत सरकार से मांग करता हूं कि इस पर प्रतिबंध लगाया जाए और तब तक यह पुस्तिका प्रसारित नहीं होने दी जाए जब तक कि उस के ऊपर से मानचित्र संशोधित नहीं होता। महोदय मैं माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से यह भी मांग करता हूं कि वह इस बारे में स्पष्टीकरण दें और अपनी इस अक्षमता का तुरंत संशोधन करें।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): इस से पहले कि श्री भुवनेश्वर कालिता बोलें, मैं सदन की राय जानना चाहूंगा क्योंकि ऐसा तय हुआ था कि शून्यकाल को हमें 12.30 बजे तक ही लेना है। इसलिए यदि सदन की अनुमति हो तो शून्यकाल को हम जारी रखें?

श्री सिब्ते रज़ी (उत्तर प्रदेश): जारी रखें क्योंकि यह बहुत इम्पोर्टेन्ट इश्यू है।

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री: जारी रखिए।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): ठीक है, श्री भुवनेश्वर कालिता।

SHRI BHUBNESWAR KALITA (Assam): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, while associating myself with other speakers who spoke on this subject, I consider it very

unfortunate that three days have already passed, but so far no statement or clarification has come from the Government or any authority of the Government to condemn it. It is very unfortunate. I think it is a sinister design to create a psycological gap between the people of one part of the country and the people of the other parts of the country. Mr. Dutta has very correctly said that it is a subtle campaign. It is going on since long so that the people of one part of the country can prepare themselves mentally that one day, this area, Kashmir and the North-Eastern region, might not be there with them. So, it is a subtle campaign. I consider it a subtle campaign. One day the people might feel isolated. A section of the people are already feeling isolated. If some immediate action is not taken if this attempt by some forces is not condemned immediately by the Government or by the authorities of the Government, if those forces which want to crate a psycological gap are not stopped immediately, and if the psycological war is not arrested immediately the effect of this will be very, very dangerous. Sir, we have already noticed a reduction in forces in some parts of the country. I would request the Central Government to be very serious about it and it should immediately come out with a statement. Thank you.

मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी (उत्तर प्रदेश): सर, इस अहम मसले पर मेरा, पूरे हाउस का या पूरे देश का चिंतित होना एक नेचुरल बात है। हमारे डा० दत्ता और कालिता साहब वगैरा ने जिस एहसास का इजहार किया है, मैं उस के साथ अपने को वाबस्ता करते हुए, हमारे वजीर दाखिला श्री राजेश पायलट साहब यहां मौजूद हैं, उन से गुजारिश करूंगा कि वह जरा तफसील से इस पर रोशनी डालें कि क्या हो रहा है? कौन लोग ऐसा कर रहे हैं और सरकार उस के लिए क्या इंतजामात करने जा रही है?

[†] مولانا عبید اللہ خان اعظمی: سر، اس مسئلے پر میرا - یورے ہاؤس کا یا پورے

[†] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

دیش کا چنتت ہونا ایک نیچرل بات ہے - ہمارے ڈاکٹر دتا صاحب وغیرہ نے جس احساس کا اظہار کیا ہے - میں اسکے ساتھ اپنے کو وابستہ کرتے ہوئے ہمارے وزیر داخلہ شری راجیش پائلٹ صاحب یہاں موجود ہیں - ان سے گزارش کرونگا کہ وہ ذرا تفصیل سے روشنی ڈالیں کہ کیا ہو رہا ہے - کون لوگ ایسا کر رہے ہیں اور سرکار اسکے لئے کیا انتظامات کر رہی ہے [-]

SHRI JAGMOHAN (Nominated): Sir, while associating myself with this issue, I want to add only one line. While participating in the debate on the CNN, I mentioned that these were the people like Mac Artue Foundation and other outside agencies who were responsible. The Government of India itself has given the channel to the CNN which has described Kashmir, in the pamphlet circulated to the Members of Parliament, as 'India-controlled Kashmir'.

An objection was raised. At the inaugration they showed a map of India and they gave some explanation...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL (Bihar): They have just said Mr. Jagmohan that it was a Hindu controlled India where Muslims were coming!

SHRI JOGMOHAN: On that day, I rasied this issue. I had the pamphlet which they had issued. They said that it was their policy to say that this was India-controlled Kashmir. The Minister just did not reply on that point. After this, the Government itself has allowed its own channel to be used by them. What is the explanation for that? So many days have passed and no explanation has come.

श्री जलालुद्दीन अंसारी (बिहार): उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, डा० दत्ता ने यह बहुत ही गंभीर और महत्वपूर्ण मसला यहां पर उठाया है। मैं इससे अपने को संबद्ध करते हुए यह कहना चाहता हूं कि कश्मीर और पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों को भारत से अलग करने का जो षडयंत्र अलगाववादी शक्तियों द्वारा चल रहा है, उसके विरुद्ध हमारी सरकार की तरफ से जैसा प्रचार होना चाहिए था वह नहीं हुआ और इस तरह की जो किताबें निकाली जा रही हैं उसको भी भारत सरकार गंभीरता से नहीं ले रही है। मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि अगर इन शक्तियों के खिलाफ, जो हमारे देश को तोड़ना चाहती हैं उनके खिलाफ, हर मोर्चे पर भारत सरकार की तरफ से चुस्ती नहीं बरती गई और उसका जवाब नहीं दिया गया तो इससे उन शक्तियों का मनोबल बढ़ेगा। इसलिए हम भारत सरकार से यह मांग करना चाहते हैं कि इस दिशा में भारत सरकार कड़ाई के साथ पेश आए और उनका जवाब दिया जाए।

†[श्री जलालुद्दीन अंसारी "बिहार": आप
उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय - डा० दत्ता ने बहुत
ही गंभीर और महत्वपूर्ण मसला यहां पर
उठाया है मैं इससे अपने को संबद्ध
करते हुए कहना चाहता हूं कि कश्मीर और
पूर्वोत्तर राज्यों को भारत से अलग
करने का जो "षडयंत्र" अलगाववादी शक्तियों
द्वारा चल रहा है उसके विरुद्ध हमारी
सरकार की तरफ से जैसा प्रचार होना
चाहिए था वैसा नहीं हुआ और इस तरह
की जो किताबें निकाली जा रही हैं उसको भी
भारत सरकार गंभीरता से नहीं ले रही है
मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि अगर इन शक्तियों
के खिलाफ जो हमारे देश को तोड़ना चाहती

†[ ]Transliteration in Arabic Script

हैं उनके खिलाफ - हर मोर्चे पर भारत सरकार
की तरफ से चुस्ती नहीं बरती गई और उसका
जवाब नहीं दिया गया तो इससे उन शक्तियों
का मनोबल बढ़ेगा - इसलिए हम भारत सरकार
से यह मांग करना चाहते हैं कि इस दिशा
में भारत सरकार सख्ती के साथ पेश
आए और उनका जवाब दिया जाए -]

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: This is a very important subject which has been raised and I must assure the House that it has come to the notice of the Government. Some organisations like the NSCN and one coordinating committee which is coordinating between the ULFA, the NSCN and the KLF has published some publications. We have taken strong action against them so that they cannot proceed further. We are vigilant abouts it. I have a vague idea about this particular incident concerning the India International Centre which has been mentioned by Dr. Dutta, other friends and some of my colleagues here. I assure the House that we are very very vigilant about such things, especially about the North-East. Let me assure the House in a very very confident manner that we are aware of everything that is happening there. We have been taking very hard action against such elements. But the situation is very very complex one. In the last one year, we had taken very hard measures to curb the insurgency there. We have also opened channels so that there is no communication gap between us and them. Insurgency has prevailed, for the last 40 years, in some parts of the country like Nagaland and Manipur. But now there are some positive results. Just four days back, the Deputy Minister of Mayanmar called on me. We have such

good co-ordination that we would catch a batch of nearly 30 militants or insurgents who crossed over from Bangladesh. We caught them with 100 rifles.

श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री: सवाल यह है इसके ऊपर आप क्या कर रहे हैं? ...(**व्यवधान**)...वह तो हमको मालूम है, लेकिन यह बताइए कि इतना समय बीत गया, आपको इसका समाचार मिला कि नहीं? ...(**व्यवधान**)... आप क्या कर रहे हैं? ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री राजेश पायलट: मैं आ रहा हूं उसके ऊपर। शास्त्री जी, पहले मैं आपकी चिंता दूर कर दूं, अपने भाई की चिंता दूर कर दूं कि सरकार इसके बारे में पूरी तरह जागरुक है और ज्यादा से ज्यादा जो कदम उठा सकते हैं, उठाने की पूरी कोशिश करेंगे। ऐसी स्थिति नार्थ ईस्ट में कभी नहीं आएगी कि यहां आपको यह विचार करना पड़े कि यह हिस्सा देश के हिस्से से अलग हो सकता है। यह कभी नहीं होने देंगे।...(**व्यवधान**)...

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी (उत्तर प्रदेश): क्या आपको रिटायर्ड डायरेक्टर जनरल आफ बी०एस०एफ० का यह स्टेटमेंट याद है, जिसमें उन्होंने कहा था कि अगर नार्थ ईस्ट में इस स्थिति पर नियंत्रण नहीं किया गया तो हालात कश्मीर से भी ज्यादा बदतर हो जाएंगे? उसके बाद आपने क्या किया?

श्री राजेश पायलट: जोशी जी मुझे माफ करेंगे, एक रिटायर्ड डी०जी०, बी०एस०एफ० के स्टेटमेंट पर सारे देश की पालिसी जो है, गैर-नजरअंदाज नहीं की जा सकती। मैंने तो हमेशा कहा है कि असली आफीसर जब रिटायर हो जाते हैं तो इनसे बढ़िया सलाहकार कोई नहीं होते और पोलिटिशियन जब चुनाव हार जाते हैं तो उनसे बढ़िया कोई सेवक नहीं होते। यह सब बयान ही देते हैं। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

डा० मुरली मनोहर जोशी: ऐसा मौका हम आपको देंगे अगली बार। सेवा करने का मौका देंगे। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री शिवचरण सिंह (राजस्थान): मणिपुर और नागालैंड में, जो राजस्थानी और बंगाली हैं, उनको मार मार कर भगाया जा रहा है। ...(**व्यवधान**)... बंगाली और राजस्थानी को मार मार कर भगाया जा रहा है, वहां से निकाला जा रहा है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, so far as this particular incident is concerned, I must accept it. I cannot really give you the correct information, I assure the House that I will get the details today itself and possibly tomorrow morning I will come with full details of what action we have taken, how it happened, what future plans we are going to have to stop such publications and in what form action will be taken against them. I assure the House that we will keep the House informed.

प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली): आप इतने विजिलेंट हैं कि आपको 48 घंटे में कुछ पता ही नहीं चला। *(Interruptions)* ...and you say that you don't have the information! How vigilant are you that you don't have the information!

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: There are standing instructions on such issues. When such publications come out, we follow it in our own way. There is a system. But as Members of Parliament have asked for full details, give me time so that I can find out the full details. Verbally, I cannot tell you anything immediately.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I want to know whether we are going to take up all the Zero Hour mentions. *(Interruptions)* Are we having the lunch hour or not?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): I will take the sense of the House on that. *(Interruptions)*.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Are we going to take up all the Zero Hour mentions one-by-one? *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): I don't think it is possible *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, up to what time will we have the Zero Hour mentions?

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सुरेश पचौरी): लंच ब्रेक तो शायद आज नहीं होगा, फिर भी हम हाउस का सैंस लेंगे।

RE: PATHETIC CONDITION OF HANDLOOM WEAVERS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, on 24th of May I submitted in this House, and I would like to quote, that, "I am really sorry to mention that both the Central Government and the State Governments are only silent spectators to the sad situation fastly developing in the handloom industry, particularly in Andhra Pradeh, which is having five lakhs of handlooms and upon which more than forty lakhs of self-employed people are dependent directly or indirectly for their livelihood". Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the prices of yarn have been increasing from November, 1993. The increase ranged between 50% to 75% *(Interruptions)*. The steps which have been taken by the Government did not help to bring down the prices of cotton yarn for the benefit of the handloom industry? I would like to submit to this august House that the problem of supply of cotton yarn at stabilised and affordable prices to handlooms is very simple, provided the permit-holders, the advance licenceholders and the export-oriented units are insisted upon using the imported cotton for production of yarn to be exported by them and also insisted upon supply of hank-yarn to the extent of 50% of their marketable output, whether in the country or outside. Unfortunately, there has been no response from the Government. The situation has worsened. The popular Telugu dailies of Andhra Pradesh and also the national daily, *The Hindu,* reported the death of two handloom weavers in *Bhattiprolu* in Guntur District because of their prolonged starvation and starvation-related diseases. I informed the Government of India and the State Government on this but there has been no response from them. I may also submit to this august House, while the Government is sanctioning adequate cash compensation to the families of those who died after consuming the brew. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): Mr. Kotaiah, please conclude.

SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: ...the Government is silent regarding the miseries of the handloom weavers in this country. Sir, the situation now is worse. The Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society with its 850 primary weavers co-operative societies is not at all functioning since August, 1994. It is over one year almost. All the primaries, more than 500 primary weavers co-operative societies are kept closed causing unemployment to about one lakh handloom weavers in the co-operatives, why? The Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society is facing...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOUR): Mr. Kotaiah, please conclude.

SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Kindly allow me, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): No, No. This is Zero Hour.

SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: I never take much time of the House. Only occasionally I request the House to provide some time to me. This is a very serious matter. Almost one lakh handloom weavers are now idle, why? The Andhra Pradesh State Handloom Weavers Co-operative Society which owes twenty four crores of rupees to the